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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A | Figures 5A – 5B illustrate the valve member connected to the collar element.

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